

In the specification:

Page 1, line 5, amend as follows:

~~Prior Art~~

CROSS-REFERENCE TO A RELATED APPLICATION

The invention described and claimed hereinbelow is also described in German Patent Application DE 10338654.8 filed on August 22, 2003. This German Patent Application, whose subject matter is incorporated here by reference, provides the basis for a claim of priority of invention under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d).

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Page 1, line 30, insert the following heading:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Page 2, line 4, amend as follows:

~~Advantages of the Invention~~

Page 2, amend the paragraph in lines 6-14 as follows:

This object is attained ~~with the characteristics of claim 1~~, in that the wall of the housing surrounding the battery cells is shaped such that it forms at least one duct, which is closed off from the interior of the housing, for a heat-diffusing medium. According to the invention, the heat-diffusing medium is not carried through the interior of the battery pack housing. This prevents dirt from getting into the interior of the battery pack and being able to impair its electrical function. Moreover, the ducts, which are partitioned off from the interior of the battery pack, form only a very slight flow resistance to the heat-diffusing medium flooding through, and the result is a strong cooling action.

Page 2, delete the paragraph in lines 15-18 as follows:

~~Advantageous refinements of the invention are defined by the dependent claims.~~

Page 2, line 27, delete the heading as follows:

Drawing

Amend the paragraph bridging pages 2 and 3 as follows:

The invention is described in further detail in terms of a plurality of exemplary embodiments shown in the drawing. ~~Shown are:~~

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Page 3, line 11, amend as follows:

~~Description of Exemplary Embodiments~~DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED
EMBODIMENTS